Minutes for MVAC of March 14, 2001

- Meeting was held at 9:00 am at SFM with an excellent turnout.
- Fleet distributed a draft of the Vehicle Coordinator's Handbook. We reviewed the contents and asked for feedback including topics that may be missing. This is different from the driver's manual. The VCH is intended to address responsibilities of the vehicle coordinator and provide information regarding fleet practices. Once completed, the VCH will be distributed to all departments.
- A discussion was held on the pending software and application of Fleet Counselor. This is a program that with input from an MVAC sub-committee, with passing numbers, the Fleet program can earn a certification. It is hoped that this will help the fleet program to support fleet issues while demonstrating credibility. This may also be provided to departments for their fleet operations at a later date.
- There is no update on the status of FY2001-02 vehicle approvals. It is hoped that this will be available within one to two weeks.
- The Voyager fuel card will need to be rebid this summer. Fleet will seek assistance from agencies as previously handled.
- Fleet is waiting for one more month of cost data and will then look at the last 12 months to establish next fiscal years rates. This should be available in April.
- Jim Dileo from Public Health and Environment brought out Don Reeder from Toyota to demo the new Toyota Prius. The Prius is a gasoline/electric hybrid vehicle capable of 60 mpg. It is best used for city driving as the recharging system works from regenerative engine braking. There were many questions regarding the Prius prior to going outside for a "ride and drive." It seemed that everyone came back favorably impressed. Two are on order for CU Boulder and CSU expressed an interest in getting two. Fleet also had some of the new vehicles being received on display and available for inspection and driving.
- The next meting will be scheduled for April 11, 2001 at 9:00 am.

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